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SUBJ: CIVAIR - ISRAELI FUEL TAX

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1. ELRON, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA TELEPHONED SEPTEMBER 23 TO SAY THAT A RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE OF JULY 22 WOULD SHORTLY BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT THRUST OF RESPONSE WILL BE THAT 6 PERCENT AVIATION FUEL TAX IS IN FACT NOT A TAX BUT RATHER A " CHARGE IN CONSIDERATION FOR USE OF AIRPORT FACILITIES". THIS CHARGE WAS PROVIDED FOR IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FUEL COMPANY (PAZ) AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. HE SAID THAT ALL AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING THOSE OWNED BY EL AL AND ISRAELI MILITARY, PAY THIS CHARGE AND THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO REBATE TO EL AL.

2. GOI APPEARS TO BE STICKING TO IST GUNS ON THIS QUESTION. WHILE THERE IS STILL SOME DOUBT WHETHER EL AL ACTUALLY PAYS THIS CHARGE, WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF RESOLVING QUESTION IN NEAR FUTURE GIVEN SECRECY OF EL AL OPERATION. FOR EXAMPLE, TWA WAS UNABLE RECENTLY EVEN TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH FUEL EL AL CONSUMES, LET ALONE WHAT PRICE IT PAYS. WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS RECOMMEND THAT DECISION OF EL AL FUEL

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